

ETHICS BOARD

Budget Summary							
Fund	2002-03 Base Year Doubled	2003-05 Governor	2003-05 Jt. Finance	2003-05 Legislature	2003-05 Act 33	Act 33 Change Over Base Year Doubled	
						Amount	Percent
GPR	\$465,400	\$474,200	\$470,000	\$470,000	\$470,000	\$4,600	1.0%
PR	<u>753,800</u>	<u>817,000</u>	<u>749,600</u>	<u>749,600</u>	<u>749,600</u>	<u>- 4,200</u>	- 0.6
TOTAL	\$1,219,200	\$1,291,200	\$1,219,600	\$1,219,600	\$1,219,600	\$400	0.0%

FTE Position Summary						
Fund	2002-03 Base	2004-05 Governor	2004-05 Jt. Finance	2004-05 Legislature	2004-05 Act 33	Act 33 Change Over 2002-03 Base
GPR	3.00	2.50	2.30	2.30	2.30	- 0.70
PR	<u>3.50</u>	<u>3.50</u>	<u>3.45</u>	<u>3.45</u>	<u>3.45</u>	<u>- 0.05</u>
TOTAL	6.50	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75	- 0.75

Budget Change Items

1. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Governor/Legislature: Provide standard adjustments to the base budget totaling \$18,400 GPR and \$21,600 PR annually for full funding of continuing salaries and fringe benefits.

GPR	\$36,800
PR	<u>43,200</u>
Total	\$80,000

2. BASE BUDGET STAFFING REDUCTION

Governor/Legislature: Reduce the GPR general program operations appropriation by \$14,000 and 0.50 FTE annually. The base reduction would be applied to amounts budgeted for salaries and fringe benefits. The adjustment represents a 6.0% annual reduction to the Board's GPR adjusted base for state operations.

Funding Positions		
GPR	- \$28,000	- 0.50

3. EXPANDED DISSEMINATION OF LOBBYING AND ETHICS DATA [LFB Paper 336]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance/Leg. (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
PR	\$20,000	- \$20,000	\$0

Governor: Provide increased expenditure authority of \$10,000 annually under the Board's materials and services appropriation to fund enhancements to the agency's public information database relating to lobbying activities and ethics code guidelines. The recommended funding would be used to: (a) improve the accessibility of the Board's website to the visually impaired; (b) create agency specific-indexes of the financial interests of state officials; (c) expand the on-line content of the Board's website; (d) improve on-line reporting capabilities by which lobbyists submit information to the Board; (e) provide automatic e-mail alerts to legislators and other registered subscribers about lobbying activities on specific bills or topics; and (f) display lobbying data and ethics guidelines on wireless handheld devices. Program revenues credited to this appropriation are generated from the sale of documents; copying, postage, shipping and location fees; educational program fees and other fees, such as on-line subscription fees, for the compilation or dissemination of information to the public.

Joint Finance/Legislature: Delete provision.

4. REALIGNMENT OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES WITHIN AGENCY FUNDING SOURCES [LFB Paper 335]

	Funding Positions	
GPR	- \$4,200	- 0.20
PR	- 47,400	- 0.05
Total	- \$51,600	- 0.25

Joint Finance/Legislature: Provide the following realignments of budgeted agency expenditures:

GPR General Program Operations Appropriation. Adjust funding as follows: (a) delete \$2,100 GPR annually of salary and fringe benefits funding; (b) reallocate \$27,900 GPR annually of salary and fringe benefits funding to supplies and services funding; and (c) transfer \$6,700 GPR annually of salary and fringe benefits funding from this appropriation to a new GPR biennial code of ethics investigations appropriation.

PR General Program Operations Appropriation. Adjust funding as follows: (a) delete \$23,700 PR annually of supplies and services funding; and (b) reallocate \$10,900 PR annually of supplies and services funding to salaries and fringe benefits funding.

GPR Code of Ethics Investigations Appropriation. Create a new, GPR-funded biennial code of ethics investigations appropriation and provide \$6,700 GPR annually transferred from the agency's GPR general program operations appropriation. Authorize the Board to expend these funds to finance the costs of investigations of violations of the Code of Ethics for state public officials and employees.

Unfunded Position Authority. Delete 0.25 FTE (0.20 GPR and 0.05 PR) annually in unfunded position authority.

The Board administers the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Wisconsin's lobbying laws. The Board generally utilizes GPR funding to support its administration of the Code of Ethics and utilizes program revenues derived from the payment of lobbying registration fees to support its administration of Wisconsin's lobbying laws. Board staff dedicate approximately 39% of their time to administration of the ethics code. As a result of the above changes, GPR funding for the Board's supplies and services costs would increase to 39% of the total funding for all such costs, and PR expenditures from lobbying fees would be reduced to draw these expenditures more into line with biennial lobbying fee revenue.

[Act 33 Section: 632m]